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Submitted herewith on a Form PTO-SB/08 is a listing of documents known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. A copy of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97-1.98.

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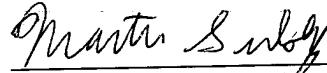
Documents G1-G16 were cited in other counterpart U.S. patent applications. Documents G1-G14 and G16 are in English. Document G17 is in Japanese.

An English translation of document G17 is not readily available; however, an English language abstract is provided herewith. The absence of such a translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 CFR § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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